

Guidance Series – GS2003 FSA GUIDANCE

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires that all producers must report industrial hemp production of any size to the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The first step in completing this reporting requirement is to contact your local FSA office to set up an account, if you do not already have one. Use the search tool at the following link to locate your nearest office:

https://www.farmers.gov/service-center-locator

At this meeting, you should expect to provide the following information to FSA staff:

- 1. Producer Registration Number
- 2. Street Address
- 3. Geospatial location(s) of each lot or greenhouse where industrial hemp will be produced
- 4. Acreage of greenhouse or indoor square footage dedicated to the production of industrial hemp

Once an account is set up, you are required to report the amount of industrial hemp planted to FSA.

5. Acreage of industrial hemp planted

Generally reporting for planting must be completed by August 15, but **FSA strongly recommends reporting as soon as possible after planting.** Consult with your <u>local FSA office</u> to confirm your reporting requirements as these dates may vary depending on many factors including continuous cultivation and participation in <u>USDA programs</u> such as NRCS, insurance, or loans.

Registered Producers shall maintain evidence of completed reporting, such as a copy of the completed FSA-578 form, in their records for three (3) years. These records will be reviewed by MDA staff upon inspection or request.

Note: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is not a part of the Missouri Department of Agriculture and producer information cannot be transferred between the agencies. This USDA-FSA reporting requirement is separate from other reporting required by the Missouri Department of Agriculture.